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SUMMARY: CCMS PLENARY APPROVED

IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD SAFETY SUBPROJECTS DEALING WITH IDENTIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF ROAD HAZARDS (LED BY FRANCE) AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (LED BY BELGIUM). US, AS PILOT COUNTRY, PRESENTED PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REPORT ON CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY, NOTING THAT FINAL REPORT INCLUDING ADOPTED VERSIONS OF IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS AND PRINTING ERROR CORRECTIONS, WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN JUNE. THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE ROAD SAFETY REPORT AND AGREED TO FORWARD IT TO THE NAC, THUS COMPLETING FOMRAL ACTION ON THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. END SUMMARY.

1. FRANCE (FESQUET) PRESENTED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS ON IDENTIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF ROAD HARZARDS WHICH THE COMMITTEE APPROVED FOLLOWING INDICATINS OF SUPPORT FROM THE US, CANADA, BELGIUM AND THE FRG, RESPECTIVELY.

2. BELGIUM (RENSON) THEN PRESENTED IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. DURING PRESENTATION THE BELGIAN DELEGATE NOTED RECEIPT OF A CANADIAN PAPER COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT FELT THE POINTS RAISED ENTAILED ONLY MINOR LINGUISTIC MATTERS AND URGED THAT THE RESOLUTIONS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. CANADA (EDGEWORTH) CONCURRED AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS AS DRAFTED. THE COMMITTEE THEN APPROVED THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS AND AGREED TO FORWARD THEM TO THE NAC.

3. DR. GREGORY, ADMINISTRATOR, NHTSA, THEN PRESENTED THE US EVALUATION REPORT ON THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. HE NOTED THAT REPORT MARKED THE END OF THE TWO-YEAR FOLLOWUP PHASE OF THE FOUR-YEAR ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY, THUS COMPLETING SIX YEARS OF FORMAL CCMS ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE EVALUATION REPORT WILL BE REVISED TO INCLUDE THE IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS THE COMMITTEE HAD JUST APPROVED AND TO CORRECT MINOR PRINTING ERRORS. THE REPORT WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION IN JUNE.

4. DR. GREGORY NOTED THAT AVAILABLE DATA SHOWS NATO NATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN 1974 AS COMPARED WITH 1973 AND THAT PRELIMINARY DATA FROM 1975 INDICATES THAT TRAFFIC DEATHS CONTINUE TO BE WELL BELOW THE 1973 LEVEL. FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED THAT WHILE SAFETY RECORDS CANNOT BE COMPARED DIRECTLY AMONG NATIONS BECAUSE OF VARYING LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES, EACH NATION IN THE ALLIANCE IS MAKING NOTABLE PROGRESS IN COPING WITH ITS ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROBLEMS.

5. IN DISCUSSING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENERGY CRISIS AND REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC DEATHS, DR. GREGORY OBSERVED THAT SPECIAL LIMITS, IMPOSED TO CONSERVE FUEL, HAVE PROVEN TO BE THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURE EVER IMPLE-

MENTED. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS, INCLUDING MEASURES RELATED TO SEAT BELT USE AND ALCOHOL AND DRIVING, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE REDUCED TRAFFIC DEATH RATE.

6. DR. GREGORY STATED THAT PROGRAM EXCHANGE OF ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION IS WORKING WELL THROUGH THE ECMT ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THAT FIVE OF THE SEVEN PROJECT AREAS OF THE PILOT STUDY HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO ONGOING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES. IN CONCLUSION, HE NOTED THAT THE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY HAS BEEN A MODEL CCMS PROJECT FROM CONCEPTION THROUGH COMPLETION AND FOLLOW-UP. HE STATED THAT THE COMPLETION POINT OF THIS PILOT STUDY HAD ARRIVED, WHILE EXPRESSING HOPE THAT INFORMAL REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE PRESENTED BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AT FUTURE CCMS MEETINGS AS APPROPRIATE.

7. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN W. BARNUM, HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION, ADDED THAT THIS CCMS PILOT STUDY HAS SIGNIFICANTLY FURTHERED INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ADVANCED PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HIGHWAY USERS. IT IS A SIGNAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CCMS EFFORT, HE ADDED, THAT ROAD SAFETY IS NO LONGER CONFINED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. THE FOLLOWUP ACTIVITIES THROUGH ECMT, CITA, OECD AND THE EMERGENCY SAFETY VEHICLE EFFORT INVOLVE NON-NATO AS WELL AS NATO COUNTRIES.

8. CANADA (EDGEWORTH) EXPRESSED PLEASURE IN HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THIS PILOT STUDY, NOTED SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CANADA WHICH RESULTED FROM THIS PILOT STUDY AND CONGRATULATED THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PILOT COUNTRY.

9. THE CHAIRMAN, ASYG OZDAS, THEN INDICATED THAT THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE FINAL EVALUATION REPORT AND HE COMPLIMENTED THE US, AS PILOT COUNTRY, AND THOSE OTHER ALLIED COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES ON THE PILOT STUDY'S COMPLETION. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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